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1. SECURITY SITUATION:

A. AUGUST 2 - I CORPS HEADQUARTERS BRIEFING: SEVEN
CEASEFIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING OF
THREE GROUND ATTACKS, TEN ATTACKS BY FIRE, AND TWO
HARASSMENTS. GVN CASUALTIES: FIFTEEN KIA, THIRTY-FOUR
WIA. PRG/NVA CASUALTIES: ELEVEN KIA.

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AUGUST 3 - ELEVEN VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED CONSISTING

OF FIVE ATTACKS BY FIRE AND SIX HARASSMENTS.
GVN CASUALTIES: FOUR KIA, TWENTY-FIVE WIA. PRG/NVA
CASUALTIES: EIGHT KIA. VNAF PROVIDED SIX SORTIES TO MR II.

B. ARRO, HUE, REPORTS THAT SINCE 29 JULY 1ST ARVN
DIVISION HAS EXPENDED 1175 ROUNDS OF 105MM ARTILLERY
IN AN ATTEMPT TO RECOVER TWO FORWARD POSITIONS AT
YD 564174 FROM WHICH TWO SQUADS WERE DRIVEN ON
JULY 28 BY MORTAR AND SMALL ARMS FIRE. ON
30 JULY, AFTER TWO DAYS OF SHELLING, COMMUNIST
FORCES ANNOUNCED BY LOUDSPEAKERS THAT THEY WOULD
RELINQUISH THE POSITIONS IF THE BARRAGE CEASED.
INSTEAD THEY USED THE RESPITE TO DIG IN DEEPER.
1ST DIVISION RESUMED SHELLING AND ON AUGUST 1
AND 2 TWO ATTEMPTS TO RETAKE THE POSITIONS WERE
HELD OFF BY ENEMY FIRE. 1ST DIVISION HAS SO FAR
LOST ONE KIA AND 14 WIA IN THE COUNTERATTACK.

C. ENEMY GUNNERS CONTINUE TO HARASS THE RF OUTPOST
ON BACH MA IN THUA THIEN PROVINCE (ZC 0693). THE
FIRST RESUPPLY CHOPPER TO LAND SINCE JULY 27 TOOK
TWO AK 47 ROUNDS AND THE ACCOMPANYING GUNSHIP ONE,
BUT THERE WERE NO CASUALTIES. ROAD BUILDING
CONTINUES IN SPITE OF HARASSMENT BY ROAD MINES.

2. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRRO, QUANG NAM ON JULY 31,
MAJOR NGUYEN QUOC HUNG, DISTRICT CHIEF OF THUONG DUC
DISTRICT, PROVIDED SOME NEW DETAILS OF PRG HOUSING
AND ROAD CONSTRUCTION A LARGE MEDICAL TRAINING
PROGRAM AND MILITARY LOGISTICS UNITS IN WESTERN
CENTRAL QUANG NAM PROVINCE (REF SEPTTEL).

3. I CORPS FORWARD CHIEF OF STAFF MENTIONED TO ARRO
DIRECTOR THAT ON SEPTEMBER 15 THE FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF THE
RECAPTURE OF QUANG TRI CITY WILL BE COMMEMORATED IN HUE.
PRESIDENT THIEU IS EXPECTED AND OFFICIALS HOPE AMBASSADOR
MARTIN AND OTHER DIPLOMATS WILL ATTEND.
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